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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
Leveraged Lease Financing
BNSF 2004-L

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am enclosing for recording pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code, two original copies of the Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 2004-L), dated as of December 30, 2004, between U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as owner trustee of the BNSF 2004-L Statutory Trust (the "*Owner Trustee*"), and Wells Fargo Bank Northwest, National Association, as indenture trustee (the "*Indenture Trustee*"), a secondary document as defined in the Surface Transportation Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents.

The enclosed document relates to the Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 2004-L), dated as of December 30, 2004, between The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as lessee (the "*Lessee*") and U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Owner Trustee, as Lessor which is being submitted for recording concurrently therewith.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed document are as follows:

Owner Trustee: U.S. Bank Trust National Association
225 Asylum Street, 23rd Floor
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Attention: Corporate Trust Services

Indenture Trustee: Wells Fargo Bank Northwest, National Association
299 South Main Street, 12th Floor
MAC: U1228-120
Salt Lake City Utah 84111
Attention: Corporate Trust Services

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The equipment covered as of the date hereof by the aforesaid Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement consists of 347 Covered Hopper Cars (Bonus) bearing the reporting marks within the series BNSF 478768 through BNSF 479499; and 86 53' Doublestack Cars (Bonus) bearing the reporting marks within the series BNSF 283733 through BNSF 283818, inclusive; all as specifically described in Exhibit A attached hereto.

A short summary of the document to appear in the index follows:

Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 2004-L) between U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee of the BNSF 2004-L Statutory Trust and Wells Fargo Bank Northwest, National Association, as Indenture Trustee.

A fee of thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) is enclosed. Please time and date stamp the enclosed copy of the enclosed document along with the extra copy of this letter as proof of filing and recordation of the enclosed document and return the original and any extra copies of such document and this letter not needed by the Board for recordation to:

Robert Alvord, Esq.
Alvord and Alvord
1050 Seventeenth Street, N.W.
Suite 301
Washington, D.C. 20036

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned (312-845-2991).

Sincerely,

CHAPMAN AND CUTLER LLP

By Michael D. Robson
Michael D. Robson

Enclosures

EXHIBIT A**UNITS**

| EQUIPMENT | QUANTITY | REPORTING MARKS |
|-----------------------------|----------|---|
| Covered Hopper Cars (Bonus) | 347 | BNSF 478768; BNSF 478774; BNSF 478776 through BNSF 478840 inclusive; BNSF 478843; BNSF 478844; BNSF 478846; BNSF 478857 through BNSF 478929 inclusive; BNSF 478931; BNSF 478932; BNSF 478934; BNSF 478976; BNSF 478994; BNSF 479050 through BNSF 479053 inclusive; BNSF 479055 through BNSF 479059 inclusive; BNSF 479064; BNSF 479074; BNSF 479077; BNSF 479079 through BNSF 479152 inclusive; BNSF 479155; BNSF 479157; BNSF 479162; BNSF 479164; BNSF 479168; BNSF 479325; BNSF 479331; BNSF 479334; BNSF 479339; BNSF 479342; BNSF 479344; BNSF 479345; BNSF 479347; BNSF 479348; BNSF 479350; BNSF 479354; BNSF 479358; |

53' Doublestack Cars (Bonus)

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BNSF 479362;
BNSF 479363;
BNSF 479379;
BNSF 479403 through
BNSF 479406 inclusive;
BNSF 479409 through
BNSF 479411 inclusive;
BNSF 479413 through
BNSF 479476 inclusive;
BNSF 479478 through
BNSF 479499 inclusive

BNSF 283733 through
BNSF 283818, inclusive

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MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT
(BNSF 2004-L)

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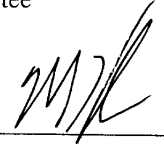
Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement, made and entered into as of December 30, 2004, by and between U.S. Bank Trust National Association, a national banking association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee ("*Owner Trustee*"), and Wells Fargo Bank Northwest, National Association, a national banking association, as Indenture Trustee ("*Indenture Trustee*").

WITNESSETH:

The undersigned have entered into that certain Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 2004-L), dated as of December 1, 2004 (the "*Trust Indenture*"), by which the Owner Trustee has granted a security interest in certain railroad equipment bearing reporting marks as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto to the Indenture Trustee in order to secure the Owner Trustee's performance of its obligations as described in the Trust Indenture.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
not in its individual capacity, but solely as
Owner Trustee

By 
Name: Michael M. Hopkins
Title: Vice President

Executed on this 23 day of December, 2004.

WELLS FARGO BANK NORTHWEST, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION

By _____
Name:
Title:

Executed on this ____ day of December, 2004.

**MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT
(BNSF 2004-L)**

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U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
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Owner Trustee

By _____
Name:
Title:

Executed on this ____ day of December, 2004.

WELLS FARGO BANK NORTHWEST, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION

By  _____
Name: Brett R. King
Title: Vice President

Executed on this 23rd day of December, 2004.

STATE OF Connecticut)
)
COUNTY OF Hartford) SS.:

On this, the 23 day of December, 2004, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Michael M. Hopkins, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the Vice President of U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, that said instrument was signed on December 23, 2004 on behalf of said association by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Susan P. McElally
Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

STATE OF _____)
)
COUNTY OF _____) SS.:

On this, the ____ day of December, 2004, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared _____, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the _____ of WELLS FARGO BANK NORTHWEST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, that said instrument was signed on December ____, 2004 on behalf of said association by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

STATE OF _____)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF _____)

On this, the ____ day of December, 2004, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared _____, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the _____ of U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, that said instrument was signed on December ___, 2004 on behalf of said association by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said association.

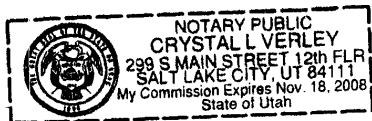
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

STATE OF UTAH)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF SALT LAKE)

On this, the 23rd day of December, 2004, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Brett R. King, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the Vice President of WELLS FARGO BANK NORTHWEST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, that said instrument was signed on December 23, 2004 on behalf of said association by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.



Crystal L. Verley
Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

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